

WEATHER.
(U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast.)
Showers tonight, probably ending to-
morrow morning; cooler tomorrow after-
noon and night; gentle to moderate shift-
ing winds, becoming northwest. Temper-
atures today—Highest, 75, at 2 p.m.;
lowest, 67, at 5:30 a.m.

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in Washington with the
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and Wirephoto Services.

Yesterday's Circulation, 142,462.
(Some returns not yet received.)

(AP) Means
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40 KILLED IN CZECH-SUDETEN BATTLES

2,000 HENLEIN REBELS ATTACK POLICE STATION; BLOODY FIGHTING WAGED

Gendarmes Hold Fire at First. Forced to Retire Before Heavy Onslaught.

BULLETIN.

PRAGUE, Sept. 14 (AP).—Fighting between Czecho-
slovak gendarmes and Sudeten Germans armed with
machine guns, rifles and hand grenades at various
towns in the Sudeten region near the German frontier
today resulted in at least 40 deaths.

Dispatches from the Sudeten border region tonight
said that 2,000 Sudeten Germans, using rifles, ma-
chine guns and throwing hand grenades, had attacked
the Czechoslovak gendarmerie station at Schwader-
bach, near the German frontier. At least eight persons
were reported killed there.

The dispatches said bloody fighting was con-
tinuing tonight.

The gendarmes were ordered at first not to fire
because of fear that shots might strike Germans across
the border and create a more serious incident. The
gendarmes, therefore, were forced to retire from the
station.

Battling fiercely to control the Sudeten demon-
strators, the gendarmes finally replied to the Sudetens'
fire, the dispatches said.

At least eight gendarmes were reported killed, and
some reports received here placed the death list
higher, at 10 to 15.

The number of Sudetens killed or wounded was not
immediately known.

The reports said no troops yet were engaged in the
fighting. Tonight the Sudetens were reported in
possession of the gendarmerie station.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (A.P.).—A Reuters (British
News Agency) dispatch from Prague today said the
Czechoslovakian government had issued a "flat denial"
of a report by Sudeten headquarters of a battle be-
tween Sudetens and Czech police near Falkenau.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—A Reuters (British news agency)
dispatch from Prague today reported that Sudeten German
party headquarters said "a regular battle" was in progress
near Falkenau, Northwestern Czechoslovakia, between Su-
detens and Czechoslovak troops and police.

Sudetens leaders said heavy tanks were being used in the con-
flict and that between 10 and 15 Czech gendarmes had been killed,
according to the dispatch.

Losses of the Sudeten Germans were described as "much
heavier," but no figure was given.

The trouble was said by the Sudetens to have begun in a fight
between "Communists" and Sudetens. The gendarmes attempted
to separate the belligerents without using their weapons, the
reports said, but were forced to retreat into a police station, where
they were attacked by the crowd.

Czechs Besieging Sudeten Town.

By Radio to the Star.

BERLIN, Sept. 14.—Czech troops were officially reported from
Prague today to be besieging the Sudeten German town of
Schwaderbach, following a serious clash between Sudetens and
Czech gendarmes there.

The troops went into action after more than 1,000 Sudeten
Germans, many of them said to be armed, surrounded and attacked
the gendarmerie garrison in Schwaderbach, according to the
Prague report.

The Czechoslovak delegation to the League of Nations
announced at Geneva that Czech police at Schwaderbach had
captured a machine gun from Sudeten rioters.

The delegation said the police determined that the machine
gun had been brought across the frontier from Germany.

Rioting Reported in Schwaderbach.

PARIS, Sept. 14 (AP).—Reports to the Czechoslovak Legation in
Paris today told of Sudeten German rioting in the frontier town
of Schwaderbach.

Reports from the Prague government said police had an
especially difficult time restoring order because of a general regu-
lation against using firearms in frontier towns.

New Talks Barred.

PRAGUE, Sept. 14 (AP).—Konrad
Henlein, leader of the Sudeten Ger-
mans, informed the British Runciman
mediation mission today that the
Sudeten committee for negotiations with
the Czechoslovak government had
been dissolved.

As a result there is a complete break-
down in efforts to solve the bitter,
bloody dispute over the Sudetens' de-
mands for self rule, there being no
machinery on the Sudeten side for
further discussion.

Meanwhile the government, ignoring
the Sudetens' ultimatum demanding
cessation of martial law in Sudeten
regions, commandeered motor buses
in Prague to rush fresh troops into
the regions under military control. The
ultimatum expired early today, without
immediate results.

Henlein has sole power.

The Sudeten party is conducted
on the leadership principle—following
the Nazi German model—therefore
Henlein as Fuehrer alone has authority
to discuss anything with the Prague
government.

Henlein reported his decision to dis-
solve his committee to F. T. A. Ash-
ton-Gwatkin, chief lieutenant of Vis-
count Runciman, and other members
of the British mission at a confer-
ence at Asch, Henlein's home town,
at noon.

The Sudeten leader said that in
view of acts of violence in the Sudeten
(See PRAGUE, Page A-3.)

Hitler Sees Ribbentrop.

BERLIN, Sept. 14 (AP).—Chancellor
Adolf Hitler today called Foreign Min-
ister Joachim von Ribbentrop to meet
him at Munich to discuss what Ger-
many might do in the face of what
Nazis called the "new situation" in
Czechoslovakia.

Germans generally expected Hitler
to make some move, if only a public
statement, in view of his defiant
warnings to Czechoslovakia in Mon-
day night's speech at Nuremberg, in
which he proclaimed his will to pro-
tect the Sudeten Germans.

The German government has main-
tained complete silence so far on new
disorders in the Sudeten area and the
Prague government's emergency mea-
sures to suppress them.

When Der Fuehrer and the foreign
minister conferred in the brownstone
Nazi headquarters in Munich, a multi-
tude of rumors circulated in Berlin,
causing considerable excitement.

Most of the rumors, such as the re-
ported closing of the Czechoslovak-
German frontier and the breaking off
of diplomatic relations with Prague,
were promptly denied by officials.

Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph
Goebbels considered the situation so
serious he departed from custom and
personally gave his views to Berlin's
chief editorial writers and corre-
spondents of provincial newspapers at
the morning press conference.

The Nazi press meanwhile railed at
the doctors thought advisable.

Consul Advises U. S. Tourists to Leave Europe Unofficial Counsel Is Given Travelers in Berlin.

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, Sept. 14.—American trav-
elers have been advised "unofficially
and informally" by the United States
Consulate here to return home "if
they could conveniently alter their
European travel plans," officials said
today.

Members of the Consulate staff dis-
cussed that numerous United States
citizens had inquired what they ought
to do in view of the critical situation
in Central Europe.

The officials said, however, that
American residents in Berlin have not
been advised to leave Germany.

Consulates of other countries have
given their nationals similar advice.

No Orders From Washington.

By the Associated Press.

Secretary Hull said today American
consuls in Europe have no special
orders to start American travelers
back home, but may do so on their
own discretion.

Consuls are well within their stand-
ing instructions, associates added, if
they suggest to Americans it might be
wiser to quit war-threatened Europe.

The State Department had no con-
firmation of dispatches from London
and Berlin that consulates are coun-
seling American tourists to come home.
Mr. Hull said, however, that Ameri-
can representatives at every post were
well informed about functions relating
to any emergency.

Earlier today Mr. Hull discussed the
foreign situation with Rene De Saint-
Quentin, the French Ambassador.
Saint-Quentin told reporters after-
wards:

"Events in Europe are moving very
fast—too fast."

PRESIDENT SPEEDS BACK TO CAPITAL

Hurriedly Leaves Rochester After Talk With Hull on War Situation.

By the Associated Press.

ROCHESTER, Minn., Sept. 14.—
President Roosevelt left here for
Washington, D. C., at 11:08 a.m.
C. S. T., today after talking with
Secretary Hull by telephone and visit-
ing his son James at the Mayo Clinic.
The President, deeply concerned over
events in Europe, decided to return to
Washington after his talk with Sec-
retary Hull.

Mr. Roosevelt made a final check
with Mayo physicians on a James' con-
dition. James underwent an operation
for a gastric ulcer Sunday. He was
reported today to be making "satis-
factory progress" even though "the
critical period has not passed."

The President drove to the hospital
from his special train immediately
after an extended telephone conver-
sation with Mr. Hull. The Chief Ex-
ecutive has been in frequent commu-
nication with the Secretary regarding
the fast-breaking events in Europe.

Speaks to Station Crowd.

The Chief Executive spoke to a crowd
from the rear platform of his special
train. He thanked the citizens of
Rochester for kindnesses which he
said had been shown the family here.

The President after his return to
Washington presumably will take per-
sonal charge of foreign relations.

"I am going straight to Washington,"
the President told the crowd gathered
at the station for his departure, "be-
cause conditions of affairs in other
parts of the world are extremely seri-
ous. As President, I must go to the
National Capital."

Today's early bulletin on James'
condition said he "enjoyed a comfort-
able night."

The bulletin was signed by Dr. H.
K. Gray, the operating surgeon, and
Dr. G. B. Eusterman, consulting phys-
ician.

Discuss Foreign Developments.

On the final call last night, father
and son talked at some length about
recent developments in Europe—in-
cluding Reichsfuehrer Hitler's Nurem-
berg speech and the Czechoslovakian
government's rejection of the Sudeten
German ultimatum.

James expressed intense interest in
world affairs.

The President, Mrs. Roosevelt and
Mrs. James Roosevelt were reported
quite satisfied with James' condition.
Persons in communication with the
Mayo Clinic said James practically
was out of danger.

A bulletin from the hospital yester-
day afternoon said James had taken
fluid nourishment—his first since the
operation.

Physicians tried to keep the patient
sleeping as much as possible. When
awake, however, he wanted to listen
to a specially installed radio. Doctors
forbade reading.

The President and other members
of the family alternated their visits
to the hospital, all staying as long as
the doctors thought advisable.

TWO-STRUCTURE CENTER PROGRAM GIVEN APPROVAL

John Marshall Place Vista
to Old Courthouse to
Be Kept Open.

\$7,200,000 IS IN SIGHT
TO START OPERATIONS

Space Is Available for Expansion
Up to 50 Years, According to
District Officials.

(Picture on Page B-1.)

Public Works Administrator Ickes
today notified the Commissioners that
final approval had been given to a
plan for the new Municipal Center
which would divide the structure into
two separate buildings, keeping a vista
open through John Marshall place to
the old District Court House.

The decision, recommended by the
Fine Arts Commission, National Capital
Park and Planning Commission and
the District Commissioners, ended
days of drafting of final plans for
the new municipal buildings which
must be started before January 1 un-
der the P. W. A. terms.

The P. W. A. previously had an-
nounced its approval of use of \$5-
7,000,000 to push the Municipal Center
project toward completion. The Dis-
trict must pay 55 per cent of this sum
over a period of 24 years, beginning
in 1941.

\$7,200,000 in Sight.

In addition to these funds, Congress
has authorized the District to spend
\$1,500,000 to start the Center build-
ing and appropriated \$500,000 out of
District revenues for this purpose this
fiscal year. Therefore, the Commis-
sioners now have in sight \$7,200,000
for the new Municipal Building, which
will be located on either side of John
Marshall place and C street on the
south, Irving street and D street on
the north, Third street on the east
and Sixth street on the west.

For several years there has been
debate over whether there should be
one great building extending across
John Marshall place or whether this
old street should be kept open so as to
retain a view from Pennsylvania ave-
nue of the old courthouse, which has
been described as one of the finest
examples of architecture in the Dis-
trict. This objective will be achieved
in the plans now subject to agree-
ment by the four different agencies.
The old street should be kept open so
John Marshall place not only will
be kept open but the municipal build-
ings will be set back sufficiently to
give a broad vista of the south facade
of the courthouse.

Six Stories Provided.

The two separate municipal build-
ings will be of six stories. While
the decision to keep John Marshall
place open will reduce the available
land area in the site, District offi-
cials said there is plenty of room
in the area selected for the Municipal
Center for present requirements and
for future expansion up to perhaps
50 years. In fact, the plan shows
available space for additions later at
both the east and west ends of the
present outlined two structures. These
two buildings will be connected by a
tunnel running under John Marshall
place.

A formal contract carrying specifica-
tions for the buildings is expected to
be submitted by Administrator Ickes
to the Commissioners within a few days
covering the plan agreed on by the
four Government agencies. It is expected
that funds will be advanced for
pushing the work ahead as fast as
the District needs them.

The first unit, which the Commis-
sioners already are authorized to start
under the existing regular appropriation
of \$500,000 is intended to house
the Police, Fire and Traffic Depart-
ments. There was no immediate an-
nouncement of what other municipal
departments would be housed in the
succeeding sections of the two buildings
as they are erected.

Swedish Vessel in Collision With
French Steamer.

LONDON, Sept. 14 (AP).—The Swed-
ish motorship Nippon, 6,095 tons, sank
three miles off Wexham Lightship
after a collision with the French steam-
er Alsace, 3,654 tons, the Lloyd's agent
in Flushing, the Netherlands, reported
today.

The Alsace arrived off Flushing with
her stem badly damaged.

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Vote for D. C. Is Only Solution Of Its Problems, Allen Declares; Scores Political Discrimination

George E. Allen, who resigned as District Commissioner on Sep-
tember 1, after five years' service, at the invitation of The Star, has
written the following article, giving his views on most important
municipal needs for the city of Washington.

By GEORGE E. ALLEN,
Former Commissioner, District of Columbia.

After serving as one of the District Commissioners for almost five years,
it is with sincere regret that I leave my post. During my tenure of office I
have had the pleasure of working for and with people who have become
very dear to me.

No one could be in such delightful surroundings and live with such
pleasant people without being moved at the thought of ending these happy
associations. Fortunately, it will not be necessary for me to leave Washington.

At the time when I took office, the
relief situation in the Nation in gen-
eral, and in the District of Columbia
in particular, was extremely serious.

Millions of men and women were out
of work. Thousands came to Wash-
ington demanding aid or begging for
relief. Yet the District Government
had to wait for the Federal Govern-
ment to grind out legislation, permit-
ting the local officials to meet the
tragic situation. To be charged with
the efficient administration of major
departments in a city of more than
a half million men, women and chil-
dren, and still be unable to obtain
the necessary funds to do this ad-
equately—that is trying indeed!

Ballot Way to Solution.

As an adopted son, I have tried
to face the local problems frankly,
but objectively. One of the things
which shocked me most was the
growing realization that to obtain
a vote for Washingtonians was dif-
ficult and remote, yet without this
there can be no adequate solution of
the many pressing problems facing
the District of Columbia.

It seems strange that, over a cen-
tury and a half after the Boston Tea
Party, Washingtonians are still try-
ing to convince other Americans that
"Taxation without Representation" is
(See ALLEN, Page A-14.)

MOTORSHIP SINKS

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PRINCE GEORGES VOTES MAY DECIDE

Second-Choice Ballots Seen
Key to Gubernatorial
Choice in Maryland.

Prince Georges County's seven sec-
ond-choice convention votes appeared
today to be the key to the nomination
of Maryland's Democratic gubernator-
ial candidate.

With many counties still in doubt,
observers figured the highest possible
convention vote Mayor Jackson could
receive without Prince Georges would
be 71. Likewise they figured Attorney
General Herbert R. O'Connor's maxi-
mum would be 71, leaving Prince
Georges' second-choice votes out of
their calculations.

There was no official indication of
how Prince Georges County's second-
choice votes would go. The county's
7 votes in the State convention Sep-
tember 28 will be cast for its "favorite
son," Senator Lansdale G. Sasser, on
first choice.

Mr. Sasser's friends think the sec-
ond choice votes will go to State Con-
troller William S. Gordy Jr., fourth
candidate in the race. Collector of In-
ternal Revenue M. Hampton Magruder,
a county leader, believes the county's
second choice will be Mr. O'Connor.

No Record of Vote Made.

No record of the second choice votes
was made by canvassers when the votes
were counted Monday night. Tally
sheets are sealed today and cannot be
opened until tomorrow, when the offi-
cial count will be made and the result
known.

Mayor Jackson was credited with
71 convention votes as follows: He
appeared assured of five votes from
Carroll County, four from Cecil, six
from Frederick, six from Garrett,
five from Harford, six from Mont-
gomery, four from Somerset, four from
Talbot and seven from Washington,
or a total of 45. On the claims of his
managers, he is credited with seven
from Anne Arundel, although the re-
turns from that county are far from
complete. On second choice he ex-
pects to get four from Dorchester,
three from Caroline, five from Wicomico,
the latter three Gordy first-choice
counties, and three from Charles,
which gave Sasser first choice.

O'Connor Has 71 Votes.

Mr. O'Connor is credited with 71
votes as follows:

He appears assured of 61 conven-
tion votes from the following areas:
Baltimore City, 42; Baltimore County,
1; Howard, 3; Kent, 3; Queen Anne's,